GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BHARAT SHIKSHA KOSH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the manner in which the Government propose to encourage public participation in the Bharat Shiksha Kosh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

The Bharat Shiksha Kosh has been constituted asa Society, registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860. Besides senior Government Officials, leading industrialists and professionals have been included in its Board of Governors. The Kosh was formally launched on the 9th January, 2003 during the celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in New Delhi, where a large number of NRIs were present. Widepublicity has been given to the Kosh in the form of advertisements in some leading newspapers. Brochures have been printed for circulation. The Confederation of Indian Industries and Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries have also been requested to give it wide publicity. The Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to give wide publicity to this initiative particularly amongst the NRIs and PIOs and also amongst all others who may be interested in the educational development of the country. The various Ministries / Departments of the Government of India have also been requested for their support.

The Kosh has been granted exemption under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 for accepting foreign contributions. The question of granting hundred percent tax exemption under the Income Tax Act for donations / contributions to the Kosh, has also been taken up.